East Otter Tail
Soil & Water Conservation District

November 18, 2026
East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.
801 Jenny Ave SW, Perham MN 56573
Members may be participating via interactive technology.

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve the previous month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Payable
   - NACD 2027 Membership
6. Cost-Share
7. District Manager's Report
8. District Conservationist's Report
9. County Commissioner's Report
10. Other Agency Reports

Old Business

11. TSA Update

New Business

12. Meetings and Trainings
13. Soil Management Summit scholarships
14. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy and guidance
15. New photos of board members for website and YIR
16. Public Comments
17. Adjourn

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Date	Meeting
11/16/2026	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
11/17/2026	Area 1 Meeting
11/18/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
11/26-27/2026	*Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices Closed*
11/30 – 12/2/2026	MASWCD Annual Meeting/Convention
12/16/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
12/21/2026	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting

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MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyle Dittmann at 7:31 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chair: Steve Inwards
Treasurer: Bruce Albright
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present: Senator Rasmussen
County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS Soil Conservationist: Olivia Schmitz
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Via Teams: Michael Miller

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Board Meeting Minutes*:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger, to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Draft Audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Bills Paid & Bills Payable*:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

OTTERTAIL WBIF

6-C23-4546-16; Eric Dreyer; Otto Township, Section 32; is requesting final payment of a 3-year contract for a multi-species cover crop on 116 acres. The flat rate payment is $4,756.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-39; Paul Seedorf; Perham Township, Section 17; is requesting final payment for a low-pressure sprinkler system. The cost of the project was $5,096.46, with final payment of $3,822.35 which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-42; Schultz Farm; Otto Township, Section 3; is requesting final payment for a pumping station. The final cost of the project was $17,801.08 with cost share payment of $13,350.81, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-27; Mike Finn; Corliss Township, Section 28; is requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 72 acres. The cost was $1,020.00, with cost share of $765.00 which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-30; Rush Lake Township; Rush Lake Township, Section 5; is requesting cost share assistance for repair/maintenance of a grade stabilization structure installed in 2017 on Marion Lake. The estimated cost of the project is $2,250.00, with cost share of $1,687.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C27-0106-01; Keil Farms; Gorman Township, Section 13; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 160 acres. The flat-rate payment is $5,600.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C27-0106-03; Ben Palubicki; Perham Township, Sections 13,15; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crops on 160 acres. The flat rate payment is $5,600.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C27-0106-07; Russ Palubicki; Ottertail Township, Section 22; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. The flat rate payment is $4,000.00, which is $25/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

REDEYE WBIF

6-C25-0118-14; Bruce Jacobson; Paddock Township, Section 30; is requesting final payment for a single species cover crop on 45 acres. The flat-rate payment is $1,125.00, which is $25/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-16; Ryan Greenwaldt; Compton Township, Section 30; is requesting final payment for a multi species cover crop on 69.69 acres. The flat-rate payment is $2,439.15, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Please note that Terry abstained from voting.*

6-C25-0118-17; Jared Huwe; Paddock Township, Section 30; is requesting final payment for an Ag Waste Pit Closure. The total cost of the project was $19,500.00, with a final payment of $14,625.00, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-18; Kevin Kyar, Inman Township, Section 18; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 70 acres. The flat rate payment is $2,450.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-19; AR Farms; Oak Valley Township, Sections 17,1; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 40 acres. The flat-rate payment is $1,400.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-26; Daryll Huwe; Blowers Township, Section 25; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop on 21 acres. The flat rate payment is $525.00, which is $25/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-27; Isaiah Godding; Folden, Leaf Lake, Oak Vally, Inman Townships, Sections (see maps); is cost share assistance for a single-species cover crop on 257 acres. The flat-rate payment is $6,425.00, which is $25/acre. Contract pre-approved by Anne 10/1/2026. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Long Prairie WBIF C27-0133

6-C27-0133-01; Scott Korkowski; Parkers Prairie Township, section 31; is requesting final payment for an ag waste pit closure. The cost for the project was $11,040.00, with cost share of $8,280.00 which is 75%. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards,

Bluff & Oak Creek P22-3257

P22-3257-09; Bryce Blickestaff; Homestead, Newton Townships, sections 34,3,9; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop on 320 acres. The flat-rate payment is $8,000.00 which is $25/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Soil Health Practices P26-0039

56A-1-19; Randy Curtis; Newton Township, Sections 1 & 12; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 81.09 acres. The flat-rate payment is $2,027.25, which is $25/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-22; Kenny Moenkedick; Perham & Edna Township, Sections 21, 28, 23; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 296.16 acres. The flat rate payment is $10,365.60, which is $35.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-23; Rick Benke; Dora Township Sections 22, 28, Edna Township 22, 28 & 29; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 245.03 acres. The flat-rate payment is $8,576.05, which is $35.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-33; Ryan Satter; Edna Township, section 28; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop practice on 81 acres. The flat-rate payment is $2,835.00, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-34; Randy Thompson; Homestead Township, section 28,29; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop practice on 52.74 acres. The flat-rate payment is $1,845.90, which is $35/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Newville.

NRCS Conservationist Report: Read by Olivia Schmitz.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Went to DC. Had the opportunity to talk to Klobuchar regarding fuel prices.
- Discussion last week with Public Health. Measles is on the rise.
- EMS is a hot topic again.
- A meeting is being held today to discuss a $7.1 million hospital expansion.

Senator Rasmussen: Senator Rasmussen expressed his gratitude toward the district for the work we are doing, especially the projects on the ground. He also mentioned that voting in November could bring changes for us all.

Other Agency Reports: none present

Old Business

TSA Update: Nothing to report

MDA – Irrigation RCPP Agreement: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve Darren to sign this agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

New Business

Meetings: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those attending the Area Meeting for registration. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MASWCD Resolution: Resolutions were discussed and all members voted.

Vehicle Repairs: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to proceed with the repairs to one of the district vehicles.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.